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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel, SEC Parties and other interested parties

Dear Colleague,

SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: DIRECTION TO RE-DESIGNATE THE SMETS1 TRANSITION AND MIGRATION APPROACH DOCUMENT TO SUPPORT THE DCC SMETS1 SERVICE

1. The SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document (TMAD) sets out the detailed technical and procedural requirements relating to the migration onto the Data Communication Company (DCC) national communications network of first-generation (SMETS1) smart meter devices. It was first incorporated into the Smart Energy Code (SEC) as Appendix AL by the Secretary of State on 14 February 2019.

2. DCC ran a consultation on revisions to the TMAD between 28 April and 15 May 2020, which proposed:

    a) Changes related to security testing for SMETS1 Devices;

    b) Changes related to reducing notification periods related to migrating Dormant Devices; and

    c) (on behalf of BEIS) a re-designation date for the document of 29 May 2020 or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter.

3. On 4 June 2020, DCC submitted an amended TMAD to BEIS for re-designation together with its consultation conclusions and copies of the responses received from stakeholders. The DCC received seven responses to the consultation.

4. In relation to the proposal for the provision of Device Security Testing in the TMAD, two respondents supported the proposal, three did not express a view and two objected to the proposal. The Security Sub-Committee (SSC) has been engaged separately by and is supportive of all the DCC's proposed changes. Regarding the

proposal for provision to reduce notification periods in the TMAD, three respondents supported the proposal, one respondent did not express a view and three respondents objected to elements of the proposal. Regarding the proposed designation of the TMAD, three respondents supported the proposal, one respondent did not express a view and three respondents objected on grounds consistent with their opposition to elements of the proposal.

5. Both BEIS and the DCC have discussed concerns raised on device security testing proposals with the respondent who had the strongest views. We are of the view that minor amendments to the approach made by the DCC combined with the clarifications provided in the consultation response help address these concerns.

6. Regarding concerns raised on the notification period proposals, we consider that the DCC has met these concerns by substantively amending its proposal to now retain a 15 day notification on dormant meter migration as standard but to allow the flexibility of mutually agreeing with each energy supplier a shorter timeframe on a case-by-case basis.

7. We conclude that it is appropriate for the new version of TMAD (v.5.0) to be designated today, as it appears Annex A. A marked-up version of the document showing changes relative to the version previously in legal effect is provided at Annex B for reference.

Direction

This direction is made for the purposes of the smart meter communication licences granted to Smart DCC Ltd under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Gas Act 1986 (such licences being the "DCC Licence") and the Smart Energy Code designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to the DCC Licence (such code being the "SEC").

Words and expressions used in this direction shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the SEC.

Pursuant to Condition 22 of the DCC Licence and Section X5 (Incorporation of Certain Documents into this Code) of the SEC, the Secretary of State directs that, with effect from 15 June 2020, the SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document (TMAD) previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AL of the SEC is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex A of this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt, any re-designation of the TMAD shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after the TMAD first being designated, or to the continuing effectiveness of anything done under the TMAD prior to its re-designation (which shall have effect as if done under the re-designated document).

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator and an updated version of the SEC to reflect these changes will be available on the SEC website in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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(An official of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State)

ANNEXES (separate documents)

Annex A: SEC Appendix AL - SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document v.5.0 clean

Annex B: SEC Appendix AL - SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document v.5.0 marked up against v4.0